Robbery in Delhi-jammu Train

2509. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers of special Delhi-Jammu train 403 were looted near Panipat on the 12th October, 2001 while some passengers were injured;

(b) if so, whether the gangsters have since been arrested; and

(c) what concrete steps are being taken to check the robbery and looting on the running trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) On 12.10.2001 when the Delhi-Jammu train No. 403 was passing through Sabzi Mandi (Delhi) some passengers were looted and injured. A case (FIR No. 713 dated 12.10.2001 under section 395/398 of the IPC) has been registered at P.S. New Delhi Railway Station. Three persons accused in the case have been arrested and an amount of Rs. 2,75,000 looted from the passengers has been recovered.

(c) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. As such registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Most long distance trains are escorted by the respective State Police/GRPF/RPF. The Delhi Railway Police have taken the following measures:—

(i) Police personnel in plain clothes are deployed to collect intelligence.

(ii) The staff performing duty at railway platforms has been directed to keep a close watch on the activities of suspected persons.

(iii) Prompt action is taken on the complaints received.